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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasushi NAKAZATO, et al.

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/419,902, filed April 22, 2003, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):
- | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Date Filed</u> |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. | |

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-124640	May 7, 1998
Japan	10-128728	May 12, 1998
Japan	11-099724	April 7, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/305,275 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,236,820), filed May 5, 1999.
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)
- ☐ are submitted herewith
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